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SUBJECT: PROPOSED US VISIT BY CAR AGRICULTURAL MINISTER

1. CAR MINISTER AGRICULTURE JOACHIM DA SILVA CALLED IN CHARGE TODAY TO ASK STATUS HIS REQUEST FOR POSSIBLE INVITATION FROM SECRETARY AGRICULTURE BUTZ UNDER UMBRELLA OF WHICH HE WOULD PAY OFFICIAL VISIT US AT GOCAR EXPENSE. (DA SILVA REQUEST ORIGINALLY TRANSMITTED TO AF/C THROUGH OFFICIAL-INFORMAL CHANNEL) AUGUST 16.)

2. DA SILVA ENVISAGES APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEK VISIT BETWEEN NOW AND APRIL, MOSTLY OUTSIDE WASHINGTON, FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH AGRICULTURAL AUTHORITIES AND VISITS TO FARMS, COOPERATIVES AND OTHER INSTALLATIONS TO ACQUAINT HIMSELF WITH PRODUCTION, MARKETING AND DISTRIBUTION METHODS WHICH MIGHT BE ADAPTED TO CAR SITUATION. MAXIMUM TWO OR THREE SENIOR CAR AGRICULTURAL OFFICIALS WOULD ACCOMPANY.

3. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN DA SILVA'S REQUEST IN VIEW POSITIVE IMPACT IT WOULD HAVE ON US/CAR RELATIONS. (SINCE INDEPENDENCE ONLY TWO CAR MINISTERS HAVE VISITED US WHILE IN OFFICE.) GOCAR FUNDING OF TRIP ALSO ASSURED, AND EMBASSY PREPARED NOMINATE DA SILVA FOR PARTIAL IVP GRANT OUT OF ITS ANNUAL EXCHANGE ALLOTMENT SHOULD ADDITIONAL SUPPORT ON DOMESTIC SIDE BE NEEDED.

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